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My dear Mr. Masani,

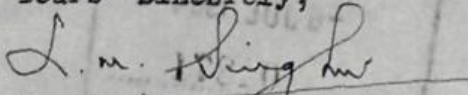
I have not been able to write to you, because after you gave me a copy of the Resolution of Parliamentary Board of Swtantra Party on Kashmir, I plunged myself into studying the problem and its various ramifications. The effort has brought me to Kashmir where I have met most of the public workers belonging to various shades of opinion and have tried to make a comprehensive study of the problem. I expect to write to you in considerable detail at a later date, after completing my study. Meanwhile I would like to say that "the reconsideration and readjustment" of which the Resolution speaks in paragraph 6, seems to have very limited relevance to the realities of the situation in Kashmir. What has happened is that the effort to "take full advantage of the present opportunity for reconciliation" has actually resulted in furthering uncertainties, and the people in the State appear to be heading recklessly towards an almost irretrievable drift. The "open mindedness of approach" indicated in paragraph 7 of the Resolution, has resulted in unprecedented vacillation and indecision in the policies of the Government and is bringing about untold demoralisation in the ranks of the forces, which either out of self-interest, or on account of principle, have backed Kashmir's continued association and irrevocable accession to India. It seems that while Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah proclaims himself in favour of self-determination, he is really using the slogan to further the possibility of Independent Kashmir to be accomplished by agreement. The slogan is being utilized by other forces to articulate their demand in a somewhat devious manner for snapping the link with India and preaching communalism on the basis of religion. In whatever perspective one might view the situation, there is no doubt that both from administrative and political angle, the parleys between India and Pakistan, conducted as they have been in a blaze of publicity, have been imprudent and injurious. While I am next to none in devotion to the cause of amity between India and Pakistan, I am unable to say that the efforts which

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been made hitherto and which your Resolution so enthusiastically endorses, have ensued from a realistic appraisal of the realities of the situation. ~~It~~

I hope to discuss this in greater detail in Delhi. Meanwhile, this bring you my warmest personal regards and greetings,

Yours Sincerely,


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